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1. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PRESS REACTION TO CAB'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL US AIR CARRIERS AND ADDITIONAL GATEWAY POINTS FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE US AND UK. THE MAJOR AVIATION WRITERS AGREE THAT IT WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE THE ALREADY DIFFICULT RENEGOTIATION OF THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, ALL POINT OUT THAT THE ADDITION OF MORE CARRIERS TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC AT A TIME WHEN UK OPINION HAS IT THAT THERE ARE ALREADY TOO MANY OPERATORS ON THESE ROUTES FOR ANY OF THEM TO BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE WILL INSURE THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND UK ON THIS MATTER WILL NOT BE REACHED EASILY.

2. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR BRITISH AIRWAYS AND CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OFFICIALS, WHILE THEY WERE RESERVED IN THEIR COMMENTS, THEY REFLECTED THE OPINIONS REPORTED IN THE PRESS NOTED ABOVE.

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3. ONE POINT WHICH HAS APPEARED IN MOST COMMENTS ON THE

CAB PROPOSAL HAS BEEN THAT IF THE CAB DECISION IS ADOPTED, IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE US TO OFFER SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL RIGHTS TO THE UK TO OBTAIN UK AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION. ONE AVIATION WRITER NOTED THAT THE CAB DECISION, IF IMPLEMENTED, COULD "CURIOUSLY" BE QUITE BENEFICIAL TO BA AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PRESENT US TRANSATLANTIC CARRIERS. THE PETITION OF UK PAN AM EMPLOYEES (REFS) SUPPORTS THIS VIEW.

4. COMMENT: IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW, THE CAB PROPOSAL WOULD LIKELY BE A VERY EXPENSIVE ONE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE BRITISH IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL ROUTE RIGHTS THEY WOULD DEMAND IF THEY ARE TO ACCEPT THE NEW US CARRIERS AND ROUTES. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO SINCE THE MAJOR BRITISH THRUST IN RECENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN TO CONTROL AND REDUCE CAPACITY ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC TO IMPROVE THE CARRIERS' FINANCIAL POSITION AND, IN KEEPING WITH THEIR ANNOUNCED AVIATION POLICY, TO LIMIT ROUTES TO A SINGLE UK CARRIER. FOR THESE REASONS, THE EMBASSY AGREES WITH MANY OF THE POINTS MADE IN THE DISSENTING OPINION GIVEN BY THE CAB CHAIRMAN IN THE TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE PROCEEDING.

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